

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An endotracheal tube comprising a tube obtained by subjecting a resin composition ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of a hydrogenated styrene-isoprene-styrene block copolymer as a styrenic elastomer and polypropylene consisting essentially of propylene monomer as a polyolefin to extrusion-molding, wherein

the weight ratio of the polypropylene to the hydrogenated styrene-isoprene-styrene block copolymer (polypropylene/hydrogenated styrene-isoprene-styrene block copolymer) is 20/80 to 40/60;

the tube has a storage modulus of 5.0×10^7 to 8.0×10^8 dyne/cm² in the extrusion direction at 25°C; and

the tube has a ratio of the storage modulus in the extrusion direction to a storage modulus in the circumferential direction (storage modulus in the extrusion direction/storage modulus in the circumferential direction) of not more than 1.3 at 25°C.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The endotracheal tube according to claim 1, wherein the endotracheal tube is provided with a cuff obtained by subjecting a resin composition comprising a styrenic elastomer and a polyolefin to blow-molding on the outer peripheral surface of the endotracheal tube, the cuff has a storage modulus of not more than 5.0×10^8 dyne/cm² at 25°C, and the resin composition constituting the cuff has a melt tension of not less than 1 g at 230°C.

Claims 3-7 (Canceled)

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): The endotracheal tube according to claim 1, wherein the hydrogenated styrene-isoprene-styrene block copolymer comprises a styrenic polymer block (A); and
the content of the styrenic polymer block (A) in the block copolymer is 10 to 40% by weight.

Claim 9 (Canceled)

Claim 10 (Original): The endotracheal tube according to claim 2, wherein the resin composition constituting the cuff further comprises at least one member selected from an inorganic filler and an organic cross-linked particle in an amount of 5 to 20% by weight.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): The endotracheal tube according to claim 10, wherein the at least one member selected from an inorganic filler and an organic cross-linked particle is at least one member selected from the group consisting of talc, calcium carbonate, mica, cross-linked acrylic resin beads, cross-linked polyurethane beads and cross-linked polystyrene beads.

Claims 12-14 (Canceled)

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): The endotracheal tube according to claim 1, wherein the hydrogenated styrene-isoprene-styrene block copolymer comprises a hydrogenated polyisoprene block made of a polyisoprene; and
not less than 70% of the carbon-carbon double bonds of the polyisoprene are hydrogenated.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): A method of making an endotracheal tube, the method comprising

extrusion-molding a resin composition ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of a hydrogenated styrene-isoprene-styrene block copolymer as a styrenic elastomer and polypropylene consisting essentially of propylene monomer as a polyolefin; and producing the endotracheal tube of Claim 1.